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We look forward to working with the Congress, our network partners in the transplant community including, physicians, cord blood bankers, donors, and the patients and families they serve. On their behalf, we thank you for continued support of cellular transplantation and stand ready to support your efforts for successful passage of this act this year.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY CHELL, M.D.,
Chief Executive Officer,
National Marrow Donor Program.

NATIONAL MARROW
DONOR PROGRAM,
August 9, 2010.

Re Reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory.

Hon. C.W. BILL YOUNG,
Hon. DORIS MATSUI,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES: I am writing on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program to convey our strong support of the reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (Program) and the National Cord Blood Inventory (NCBI). We applaud the efforts of Congressman Young and Congresswoman Matsui in introducing today's legislation and the continued bipartisan support for these life-saving programs. We especially want to thank their staff for their continued efforts. Because the NCBI sunsets at the end of the fiscal year, we encourage the Congress to support passage of this important legislation before October 1.

Every year approximately 12,000 patients search the national registry for a life-saving donor or cord blood unit. To ensure that all patients have access to these types of adult stem cell transplants, Congress must maintain its support of the Program and the NCBI. We commend the dedication of Reps. Young and Matsui, along with Senators Hatch, Dodd, Burr, Reed, Ensign, and Franken who introduced legislation in the Senate last week. Their hard work has resulted in a bipartisan and fiscally responsible bill, which will assist the NMDP in advancing our life-saving mission.

The reauthorization maintains important components of the existing programs, including a single point of access and a focus on building a diverse registry of adult donors and cord blood units. It also includes modifications necessary to continue the successful work of these programs.

The NMDP is dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive the transplant therapy they need, when they need it. Through a competitive process, the NMDP has been entrusted to operate the Program since its inception in the mid-1980s. Every day, this Program assists thousands of patients with leukemia, certain lymphomas, and other life-threatening diseases find a matching donor or umbilical cord blood unit. For many of these patients, a transplant may be the best and only hope for a cure. NMDP has facilitated more than 40,000 transplants. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the ongoing sustained support of Congress and its efforts to in-

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HONORING ALICE WILLIAMS TOWERS HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, since 2000, the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community for Senior Citizens has been and continues to be a great institution in our district; and

Whereas, under the vision of Pastor Jasper Williams, Jr., of Salem Bible Church, the Alice Williams Towers began and have given Senior Residents in Georgia, a place to live and play for ten consecutive years; and

Whereas, the residents and staff of this remarkable community continue to be involved in the matters of the district; and

Whereas, the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia is very proud and honored to have the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community as a partner in the district, mentoring our future leaders to better serve our nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the residents, family members, friends and staff of the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community for their outstanding service and leadership and to congratulate them on their ten year anniversary;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 18, 2010 as Alice Williams Towers Housing Community Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of June, 2010.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EMMIT JAMES SMITH III

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the inspirational career and achievement of Emmitt James Smith III, on the occasion of his recent induction into the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

A Pensacola, Florida native and a fellow University of Florida graduate, Emmitt Smith is regarded not only as one of the greatest running backs in the history of the NFL, but also as a role model for young athletes everywhere.

During his freshman year at Escambia High School, Emmitt Smith rushed for 19 touch-

downs and over 1,500 yards. He continued his training during the off-season. As a result of his hard work and determination, he improved his game and rushed for 26 touchdowns and over 2,200 yards during his sophomore year—leading Escambia High School to their first state football championship. Smith's high school football career did not stop there, and he had an even more impressive season junior year. Rushing for 33 touchdowns and over 2,900 rushing yards, he once again led the team to win another state title.

Throughout college and his career in the National Football League, Emmitt Smith overcame many odds to establish himself as a tremendous individual both on and off the field. He has many awards and accolades attributed to his name, including: being inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, leading the league in rushing touchdowns, leading the league in 100-plus yard rushing games, winning 3 Super Bowl Championships and being named NFL Most Valuable Player in 1993. However, breaking Walter Payton's NFL record for the most rushing yards is certainly his greatest feat—a feat that he dreamt of many years before his first professional football game.

Madam Speaker, there are few athletes who walk onto the gridiron and play with the level of emotion and passion as Emmitt Smith. His impressive football career and his dedication to self-improvement have taken him to a level that transcends most professional athletes and have won the hearts of many in Northwest Florida and all across this Nation. On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate Emmitt Smith for all his great achievements. My wife, Vicki, joins me in this commendation and in extending our best wishes to him and his family.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST FAITH HINKLEY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to Specialist Faith Hinkley, a brave young woman from Monte Vista, Colorado. Specialist Hinkley died in Baghdad, Iraq on August 7, 2010, from injuries sustained from an insurgent rocket attack. Colorado, the San Luis Valley, and the country have lost a tremendously respected leader and soldier.

Specialist Hinkley led a remarkable life. Growing up in Monte Vista, everyone around her admired her hard work and incredible talents. She played the clarinet in the marching band, was a member of the National Honor Society, and of the National Business Leaders of America. She was also a Rainbow for Girls Worthy Advisor. After her first year in college, she enlisted in the Army, and was trained in military intelligence.

Her record in the Army again testifies to her incredible abilities. She was assigned to the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. While serving, her awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War